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Photo by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

The 16th Security Forces Squadron implemented a temporary traffic pattern Monday for personnel entering Hurlburt Field from west U.S. Highway 98. The new route was devised in an effort to minimize front gate morning delays.

## New base traffic plan alleviates main gate morning congestion

By Vanessa Adame  
Public Affairs

A new traffic plan devised to help alleviate traffic congestion on U.S. Highway 98 is still in its experimental stages, but permanent relief could come soon, according to 16th Security Forces Squadron officials.

The temporary measure, which was implemented Monday, has rerouted motorists entering Hurlburt Field's main gate by converting one of two outbound lanes to accommodate incoming

traffic, from 6 to 8 a.m.

The 16th SFS warns motorists that the temporary inbound lane won't be open if personnel aren't directing traffic such as times when lightning is threatening.

Although traffic along the highway has visibly improved as a result of the new entrance, and even received praise from nearby cities, SFS officials are concerned about the safety issues the move has spawned.

"There's still a lot of danger out there," said Capt. Mark Walsh, 16th

SFS. "Some people just aren't paying attention to what they're doing."

According to Captain Walsh, many motorists busy themselves eating, talking on cellular phones or applying makeup when driving, instead of paying attention to the security forces personnel directing traffic.

In the meantime, the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron has applied for funding through the Air Force Special Operations Command in hopes of creating a permanent, additional inbound lane at the main gate entrance. If the funding is granted, it could take anywhere from three to six months to achieve a permanent resolution.

## Tops in Blue brings mix of music to Hurlburt Field

By Tech. Sgt. Andre Nicholson  
Public Affairs

An elite group of performers, who have been providing entertainment to military members and their families for more than 50 years, made their way to Hurlburt Field Jan. 27.

Tops In Blue, the Air Force's entertainment showcase, performed its 2004 titled show "Musicology"

before an enthusiastic crowd of about 1,200 people at the Freedom Hangar.

Before starting the show, Airman 1st Class Alexander Farach, 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, a guitarist on the 2004 tour, presented his commander, Lt. Col. Stuart Lum, 16th HMXS, with a Tops In Blue coin for allowing him to tour with the

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## Lecture series gives first-hand experiences from 'forgotten war'

By 2nd Lt. Amy Gonzales  
Public Affairs

The Korean War is considered by many to be the "forgotten war."

Perhaps even more forgotten is the role Special Operations played during the conflict.

However, that role was brought out of the dark and into the spotlight during the second installment of the "Through the Eyes of a Commando" living history lecture series held at the base theater Jan. 26. Retired Brig. Gen. Harry "Heinie" Aderholt and retired Lt. Col. John Napier shared with the 200-person audience their first-hand experiences from the war.

"These gentlemen formed the core of what it is we are today," said Col. Tim Hale, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander.

First to take the stage was General Aderholt. During the Korean War from July 1950 to September 1951, he was the commander of the Special Air Warfare Detachment of the 21st Troop Carrier Squadron. The detachment's primary mission during the conflict was psychological warfare, but it took on more dangerous roles such as low-level penetration missions inserting Korean intelligence agents behind enemy lines.

"We were landing on strips no one could land on, or even let them land on today," said General Aderholt.

Despite the dangerous missions, General Aderholt said the unit had "tremendous morale."

The missions of the unit were unique and sometimes drew criticism from leadership. For example, General Aderholt described how the unit began dropping napalm on targets

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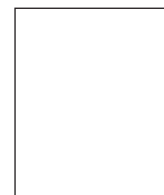
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**Col.  
O.G. Mannon**

## Making it official

**Col. Tim Hale, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, signs the proclamation declaring February as Black History Month Jan. 28 in the 16th SOW conference room.**

Upcoming Black History Month events include:

**Today** – Characters in Costume at the youth center's School Age Program, 7 a.m.; Hip-Hop Discussion at the youth center, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday** – Readings at SAP, 7 a.m.

**Wednesday** – Readings at the child development center, 2:30 p.m.

**Feb. 11** – Arts and Crafts at SAP, 7 a.m.; Issues for Today's Teens at the youth center, 4 p.m.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

# CMSAF perspective: Enhancing enlisted professionals

**By Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray**  
*Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force*

Today's Airmen are some of the best and brightest young men and women to ever enter public service. The dedication, courage, and innovation they consistently display on the battlefield and at home station ensures America's airpower is always ready.

We have tremendous talent within our ranks and we owe each Airman the opportunity to develop their abilities and recognize their full potential.

More than two years ago General Jumper and I, along with other senior Air Force leaders, carved out a developmental roadmap to deliberately grow leaders capable of taking our Air Force to the next level of excellence.

Exposure to the right training, education, and experience are crucial. We leverage all these components with the recent implementation of the Enlisted Professional Enhancement Program.

This is a very important and valuable concentration on our core competency of Developing Airmen. Changes you will see at the wing level include:

■ **Program consolidation** — Career Assistance Advisors will lead the First Term Airmen Center and the Professional Enhancement Programs. As career specialists, these senior NCOs will bring their breadth of experience and bring excellent oversight to these

important classes and seminars.

■ **Course standardization** — Many bases had established their own professional development centers to provide Airmen, NCOs, and SNCOs with additional military education to bridge gaps between formal training opportunities. While some of these programs were excellent, they lacked consistency from base to base. With this initiative we'll have a solid curriculum to provide Airmen at every base the same foundation while still allowing flexibility to adapt and meet local needs.

We'll continue to tap into the talents of our most outstanding enlisted leaders to instruct and mentor their fellow Airmen. Airmen, first term through E-7 will be able to get valuable training and peer interaction.

We'll continue to tie together our formal training, education, and on-the-job training to develop our Airmen's technical skills and leadership abilities. Our professional development courses will in turn reinforce and build upon what our Airmen get in formal professional military education.

Developing Airmen continues to be one of our top priorities and the Professional Enhancement Program is another step in taking care of our most valuable resource — our people. Knowledge is power and empowering our enlisted force is what keeps us the world's premier Air Force.

**Restriction lifted:** *In conjunction with the actions by the 96th Air Base Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Col. Tim Hale, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, has lifted the off-limits restriction on Nipa Hut (formerly Two Coconuts Sports Bar Lounge, and Paradise Café and Lounge), located at 724 Eglin Parkway NE. Effective immediately, Hurlburt Field service members are no longer barred from patronizing this establishment.*

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## DUI Tracker

**Jan. 28-Feb. 3: 0 DUIs**

**This year: 3**

**DUIs for 2004: 42**

**Last DUI: 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, Jan. 17**

**Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844**

**Potential saves this year: 47**

16th OG...62 16th MSG...17

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Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of Feb. 3.







Photo by Airman 1st Class Kimberly Gilligan

Hurlburt Field inducted the newest chief master sergeants at the 2005 Chief Induction Ceremony at the Soundside club Jan. 28.

*Congratulations to the following Hurlburt Field members who were promoted to the rank of chief master sergeant:*

**Headquarters Air Force Special**

## SpotLight on...

**Tech. Sgt.  
Diane Thomas**

**Organization/Duty title:** 16th Mission Support Squadron, Personal and Family Readiness NCO

**Hometown:** Akron, Ohio

**Hobbies:** Dating her husband, shopping

**Contribution to the mission:** Sergeant Thomas directly oversees a quality program which ensures Hurlburt Field members are prepared in every facet to endure lengthy deployments.

She maintains a comprehensive database of more than 500 spouses of deployed members, linking them to programs and services based on their needs.

She makes a positive impact in her job by providing individual counseling for all base personnel and their families.

Sergeant Thomas developed the Smiles Across the Miles program and organizes it distributing care packages to deployed base members.

*(Editor's note: The COMMANDO highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job and should receive day-to-day recognition. For more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column, supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464.)*

# AFA honors tenant unit unsung heroes

**By Senior Airman Heidi Davis**  
*Public Affairs*

"They don't do it for the recognition; they do it for a personal commitment to excellence, their belief in teamwork and a commitment to a cause greater than oneself."

Those who Col. Kenneth Rodriguez, 720th Special Tactics Group commander, was referring to are the unsung heroes of the Air Force.

The Air Force Association Hurlburt Field Chapter 398 and more than 200 base personnel gathered at the Soundside club Jan. 28 to honor 11 of those heroes.

**Airman 1st Class Karen Rhodes**, 720th Special Tactics Group, was recognized as a superior aviation's resource Airman, for maintaining jump records for approximately 150 Special Tactics operators; ensuring parachute employment capability was updated and scheduling physicals for all squadron members.

**Staff Sgt. Kavanzo Holland**, 823RD RED HORSE Squadron, was key in the movement of 180 RHS personnel and 72 short-tons of equipment simultaneously moved to Iraq, and the Horn of Africa. He streamlined personnel processing with an in-depth checklist.

**Staff Sgt. Jewel Pryor**, Detachment 1, 46th Operations Group, volunteered for numerous duties to assist the unit's only administrative assistant. He helped with travel orders, PC-III/MILMOD and officer/enlisted performance reports.

**Staff Sgt. Catrina Dean**, U.S. Air Force Special Operations School, provided support to more than 35 courses, including developing logos and posters. She completed more than 160 work orders for audiovisual and graphic designs in support of course directors and designed a display of images.

**Staff Sgt. Tamiko Foster**, 505th Training Squadron, supervises audiovisual support to train more than 1,600 command and control war fighters annually. She expertly maintains a complex \$1.2 million state-of-the-art multimedia system,

monitoring more than 25 hours of presentations weekly.

**Tech. Sgt. Tina Jung**, 505th Communications Squadron, managed \$37 million in wing communication systems assets. She orchestrated delivery of equipment items to support Joint Red Flag 2005. She also distributed \$3.2 million of equipment from end-of-fiscal-year fallout funds.

**Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Grimm**, Air Force Combat Weather Center, researched and arranged an upper air system demonstration for Air Force Special Operations Command leaders, which led to a purchase that filled a critical shortage. He also led Hurricane Ivan preparations for the unit protecting \$2.1 million in assets.

**Tech Sgt. Adam Grabowski**, Air Force Special Operations Command, tackled critical radar shortage and diverted three \$900,000 contractor assets to enable combat sorties. He also secured \$1.92 million of engineering funds to buy 40 aircraft antenna kits, extending service life for five years.

**Tech. Sgt. Janice Rundquist**, 919th Mission Support Squadron, transferred \$40,000 worth of unused computers to local schools. She reorganized XPR's officer/enlisted performance reports, civilian appraisals and ADPE inventory/accountability tracking to increase productivity.

**Master Sgt. Duane Douglas**, 14th Weapons Squadron, supports three U.S. Air Force Weapons School training courses: more than 3,200 hours of academic, simulator and flying hours annually, producing weapons officers for six different SOF airframes in three different major commands.

**Nathan Page**, 605th Test and Evaluation, deployed for more than 120 days to Iraq, delivering tons of food, water, ammo and spare parts to the 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division and multi-national forces. He also volunteered as a machine-gunner during missions to resupply engaged combatants.

The Unsung Heroes Program is designed to recognize civilians and Airmen who do an outstanding job supporting the Air Force mission, but have gone unrecognized.

# Major general departs AFSOC, prepares to fill new role

**By Capt. Olivia Nelson**  
*Public Affairs*

Maj. Gen. John Dorris, mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, says more than anything else, he'll miss the people.

"This has been an incredibly dynamic time to be here," he said. "I've been proud to be a part of the initial response to Sept. 11, 2001, and watch the people of this command posture to fight for the long haul."

General Dorris left AFSOC Monday to assume the position of the mobilization assistant to the commander, U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt

Air Force Base, Neb.

The general started his Air Force career at Hurlburt Field, completing his initial training here in the 1970s. He has called AFSOC home for more than five years. A home, that is, with a nearly 800-mile commute.

"I'm a Reservist," said the St. Louis, Mo., resident. "It's my job to advise and assist the commander in the training, equipping and deploying of Guard and Reserve forces."

Over and above the responsibility, he takes for the Air Reserve Component of AFSOC, General Dorris describes himself in particular as the "guiding father" of the Individual Mobilization

Augmentee program here.

"IMAs allow us to bring in someone fully-qualified to fill the gap during manning shortfalls and deployments," he said. "It's critical we properly support these talented troops to ensure they are provided the tools to support the mission."

General Dorris said the IMAs working for AFSOC not only fill in the gaps, but have become completely integrated into the force – including deploying with the units they support.

"Because many of them are experienced in the civilian community as well, they bring a whole new look to the situation," he said. The relationship, he believes, creates

a "good synergy."

"When I arrived, AFSOC was under-resourced with IMAs," he said. "Air Force Reserve Command quickly realized this was a critical mission needing more resources applied to it."

During his tenure, the general said the force has increased from approximately 45 IMAs command-wide since his arrival in 1999 to more than 270 today.

According to General Dorris, the brunt of the increased manning has been targeted to areas most likely to affect mission accomplishment, such as the Special Operations School, special tactics, intelligence and security forces arenas and the

emerging War Fighting headquarters.

Over the years, the general said he's seen people step up more as they find themselves inspired by the nation's time of need. Even more moving, he said, is the spirit of the young people in the command.

After nearly half a decade here, the general said he's built enduring relationships and knows the next MA will receive the same enthusiastic support from the members of the command.

"It's been an honor and privilege to serve here," he said. "I have great memories to take with me, and I'll continue to watch with pride from afar."

## AF Battlelabs visit AFSOC, help identify problems facing warfighters

**By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan**  
*Public Affairs*

Twenty-six members of the seven Air Force Battlelabs visited Air Force Special Operations Command Headquarters Jan. 24-27, in an effort to identify the "top 10" issues on the minds of Hurlburt Field warfighters.

The Air Force Battlelab's Warrior Outreach is an opportunity for battlelabs to meet face-to-face with the warriors, identify their problems and create initiatives to solve them.

The battlelabs were established in 1997 with a mission to generate high payoff initiatives with minimum cost that could be quickly integrated into

today's Air Force and its vision of global engagement.

Generally consisting of 25 active-duty personnel, additional support contractors and a budget of about \$4.5 million, each battlelab partners with the major commands, industry, academia, war fighters, service and national labs and all branches of the military to leverage leading-edge technologies to provide results, usually within 18 months.

"We take real issues the command has to fight the war on terrorism, and produce real results that affect the mission capabilities and safety of our warfighters," said Col. Larry Felder, the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

Battlelab commander. "We have a specialized team that can work a specific problem within a specific command."

After interviews and visits during Warrior Outreach, the battlelabs generate a list of issues compiled from data of specific concerns, said Colonel Felder. The list is included in the out-brief to the command on the final day of the visit.

The labs, using the data as a focal point, craft initiatives aimed at solving the warfighter's concerns. Phased initiatives are researched, developed, executed, and if successful, presented to the command for further consideration and transition to the field.

"Our goal is to make things better

for the command, which in turn affects everyone in the command, including family members," said Lt. Col. Steven Ward, UAV Battlelab Division chief.

Ultimately, battlelab initiatives are most successful when transitioned to the warfighter, said Maj. Jim Guerin, HQ AFSOC conference coordinator.

"I was very impressed with the level of two-way communication between the battle labs and HQ AFSOC personnel," Major Guerin said. "I'm sure the battle labs will help enhance the capabilities that AFSOC presents to help win the war on terror. Many potential solutions will stretch across all Air Force commands."

## Base participates in annual Mardi Gras parade

**By Amy Oliver**  
*Public Affairs*

The damp, chilly weather didn't stop local Mardi Gras revelers from seeing a parade. Hundreds of people lined Santa Rosa Boulevard for the third annual Mardi Gras on the Island parade Jan. 29.

The parade, hosted by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, kicked off the Mardi Gras season locally.

Hurlburt Field Airmen, true to form, participated en masse. The parade was led by the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard's colors team and marching unit, who performed movements with their rifles in response to orders called by Tech. Sgt. Terry Carson, NCO in charge.

"They brought tears to my eyes," said Stacey Allen, a spectator.

A Humvee from the 16th Security Forces Squadron carrying Col. John Cooper, 16th Maintenance Group commander, and his chil-

dren followed the base honor guard.

"This community is enormously supportive of the military," said Colonel Cooper. "I'm proud to be here today to represent the base, and I'm very proud of all of the Hurlburt Airmen who realize the value of this support and chose to spend their Saturday here to show their appreciation."

The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit provided another Humvee, in which Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce volunteer Mary Mann rode along.

"As a retired military spouse and former (American) Red Cross volunteer in Vietnam, I have a soft spot in my heart for our local Airmen," she said. "It's an honor to ride along with them in this parade."

Everyone from Hurlburt who participated in the parade was a volunteer, and the dreary weather didn't hamper their spirits or their good intentions.

"I think it's good for us to come out and participate in these types of community events



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ebony Pierre

**The Hurlburt Field Honor guard was one of several base groups that participated in the third annual Mardi Gras on the Island parade Jan. 29.**

because the community does so much to support us," said Airman 1st Class John Daniel from EOD. "This is a good way to show our appreciation."



# Think twice before consuming sugar, starch

By Capt. Joshua Hethcox  
16th MDOS

What we eat and drink has a direct impact on our oral health.

The sugar or starch in our diet is food for the bacteria in our mouths.

Bacteria uses the sugar to produce acids that breakdown tooth enamel. Soft drinks, sports drinks, fruit juices and snack foods contribute a significant amount of sugar to the diet of children.

As a result, the daily consumption of these products increases the chances of children getting cavities or tooth decay. The more often children eat snack foods and sip on sodas, the higher the rate of enamel breakdown by acid from bacteria.

How can you fight this problem and help pre-

vent your children from having tooth decay? First, limit the intake of snack foods and especially sodas in your child's diet. Provide children nutritious meals with foods from the five major food groups, and increase their consumption of water or milk.

Also, make sure your children's teeth are brushed thoroughly twice a day with fluoride toothpaste. Teeth should be flossed or cleaned with another interdental cleaner once a day.

Last, ensure your child has regular dental check-ups and teeth cleanings to prevent tooth decay and promote healthy oral hygiene habits.



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## Week in History

*The following extraordinary events occurred this week in military history:*

**Jan. 31, 1959** – The first U.S. satellite, Explorer I, was launched into orbit.

**Feb. 1, 1959** – The Air Force acquired the first general-purpose computer, Univac.

**Feb. 2, 1960** – The Air Force Titan Missile entered the advanced flight phase.

**Feb. 3, 1995** – Lt. Col. E. Collins became the first woman to pilot the space shuttle, Discovery.

**Feb. 4, 1948** – Navy and Air Force Transport Systems consolidated forming the Military Air Transport Service.

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# MUSICOLOGY,

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Photo by Karen DeCarlo

Airman 1st Class Alexander Farach, 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, is a guitarist on the 2004 Tops in Blue tour.

elite performers on permissive temporary duty assignment status. The group also recognized a Tops In Blue legend present that evening – Alice Coffman, one of

the first Tops In Blue female performers. The show was an array of choreography, singing and stage lighting that came together as an intricate mixture of the musical sounds of America. “Tops In Blue gave us an opportunity to appreciate the arts, demonstrate patriotism and just have fun,” said Jaime Gries, 16th Services Squadron. “The audience appeared to enjoy the show and many people said it was the best they’d ever experienced.” The team is responsible for setting up more than 42,000 pounds of staging, lighting, audio and special effects equipment. Each team begins their tour with an intense 45-day training period at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in order to prepare them to succeed as world class entertainers and distinguished Air Force Ambassadors during their nine-month tour.

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from its C-47s. When higher headquarters found out, one commander told him the aircraft weren’t bombers and to not use them as such. “We didn’t always play by the rules,” said General Aderholt. “Sometimes Special Operations doesn’t.” Later in his career, General Aderholt became the vice commander and then commander of the 1st Air Commando Wing, the forefather of the 16th SOW. He retired from active duty in 1976. Colonel Napier saw a different side of the Korean War serving as an intelligence officer first in Strategic Air Command and then in the Air Resupply and Communications Service, predecessor to Air Force Special Operations Command. He recalled signing up for the exclusive unit as soon as he arrived at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. “I took a look around and saw a bulletin for the psychological warfare train-

ing at Georgetown. I signed that before I signed the in-roster,” joked Colonel Napier. Colonel Napier’s contribution to Special Operations continued throughout his military career. In 1963, he was chosen by Air University to help establish the U.S. Air Force Counterinsurgency Course. The course was moved to Hurlburt Field three years later and renamed the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School. He retired from active duty in 1977. However, his enthusiasm for Special Operations is still apparent. “You have a great challenge and opportunity to make good your motto, ‘Any Time, Any Place,’” Colonel Napier told the audience. “This old soldier wishes you good luck and do have fun.” The next lecture, scheduled for March, will be the first of four focusing on Special Operations missions during Vietnam and will feature retired Lt. Col. Jerry Klingaman and retired Chief Warrant Officers Charlie Jones and Jimmy Bates.

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# From steam boiler furnaces to light bulbs... African-American inventions have changed America's way of living

**By Tech. Sgt. Mark Ashmon**  
*25th IOS*

Black History Month is a time to reflect on past and present African American contributions that have impacted today's society.

In 1926, Dr. Carter Woodson formed Negro History Week because of the absence of black contributions in history books.

He chose the second week of February because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population – Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.

February also contains the birthdays of African American pioneers and institutions such as W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Eubie Blake, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the first Pan African Congress.

The following are a few of the remarkable African Americans, who changed the way we all live our lives:

**Elijah McCoy** – American Inventor Elijah McCoy is best known for inventing ingenious



**Elijah McCoy**

devices to automatically lubricate heavy machinery and is responsible for 57 patents. Mr. McCoy's devices were so reliable, people often asked if machinery contained "the real McCoy," likely giving rise to this enduring expression.

**Lewis Latimer** – Although he received seven patents for his inventions, Mechanical Draftsman and Inventor Lewis Latimer is best remembered for his key contributions to the incandescent light bulb. In 1881, Mr. Latimer patented an electric lamp with an inexpensive carbon filament and a threaded wooden socket. He later joined Thomas Edison's team of inventors and wrote the first known book on electric lighting.



**Lewis Latimer**

**Jan Matzeliger** – American Artist and Inventor Jan Matzeliger is most famous for designing and creating a machine that stretches leather shoe uppers around a foot-shaped model, or last.



**Jan Matzeliger**

Before Mr. Matzeliger introduced his machine, highly skilled artisans lasted a maximum of 50 pairs of shoes a day. Mr. Matzeliger's automatic shoe lasting machine revolutionized the shoemaking industry, producing as many as 700 pairs of shoes in a single day.

**Granville Woods** – Forced to quit school when he was only 10 years old, American Railroad Engineer and Inventor Granville Woods patented a remarkable 35 electrical and mechanical devices during his prolific career. Mr. Woods received his first patent in 1884 for a steam boiler furnace. His many later patents included a system that enabled telegraph lines to carry voice signals; an induction telegraph for sending messages to and from moving trains; and electromechanical and electromagnetic railway brakes.



**Granville Woods**

Look for more African American inventors to be spotlighted in the Feb. 11 issue.

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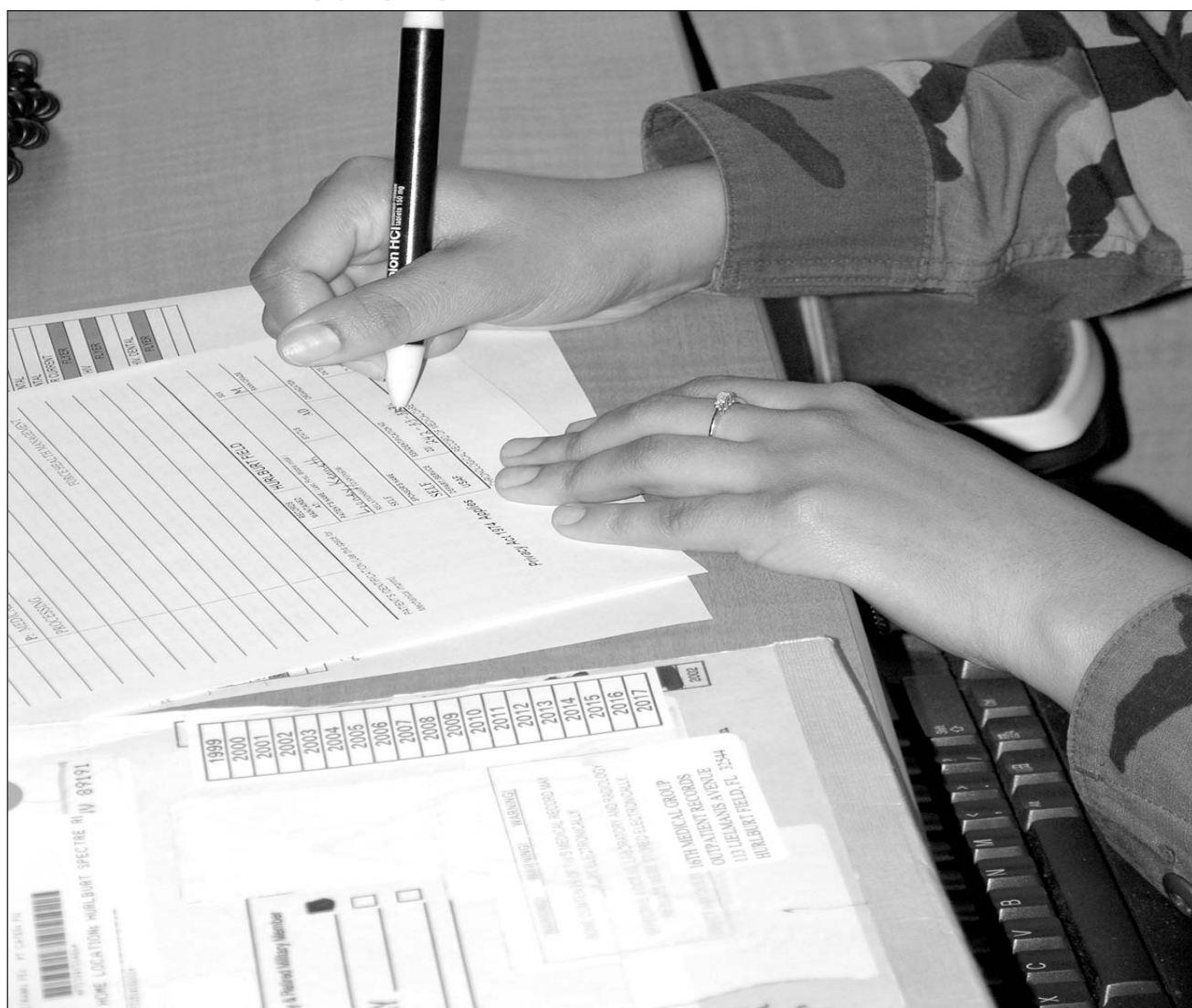
From hearing tests and pregnancy profiles to deployment processing and ear plug fittings, the 16th Medical Operations Squadron's Public Health and Force Health Management Flight staff ensure Special Operations personnel are mission-ready.

The flight's mission is to provide accessible and efficient high-quality healthcare with compassion to the Hurlburt Field community, ensure force health protection and enhance the sustained performance of Special Operations Forces.

"These are the people who qualify flight personnel, ensure profiles are updated and assist Airmen returning from deployments," said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Swonger, 16th MDOS NCO in charge.

The Public Health and Force Health Management element services one of the largest and most mobile populations/communities in the Air Force, primarily servicing injured and pre/post-deployment personnel, said Capt. Lawrence Noel, 16th MDOS.

"In the future, the flight would like to continue high-quality healthcare with increased availability, while keeping our force fit to fight," he said. "We'd also like to increase our service to the customer through the use of newly renovated facilities in the clinic."



(Clockwise from top) Airman Shamieka Jackson, 16th Medical Operations Squadron, evaluates an Airman's file to determine whether he's medically qualified to deploy. Lt. Col. Dave Meyer, U.S. Air Force MOS, Detachment 1, performs a hearing test as part of his flight examination. Airman James Rodenberg, 16th MDOS, conducts a post-deployment questionnaire with 2nd Lt. Andrew Brown, 16th Communications Squadron.



# Hurlburt Happenings

## Military

### Overseas assignments

The next overseas EQUAL listing is now available for assignments with report-no-later-than dates of October/November/December 2005. Base of preference requests can be updated until Feb. 17. The assignment list will be released to the public March 15.

### OTS boards

Due to fiscal year 2005 Air Force force-shaping efforts, the non-rated (non-technical and technical) portions of the March 28 and May 10 Officer Training School selection boards (05OT04 and 05OT05) have been rescheduled for August. The rated panels for these boards will convene as scheduled. For more information concerning OTS and the application process, active-duty members should call the education services office at 884-6724; civilians should contact the nearest Air Force recruiter.

### Awards banquet

In honor of military traditions, Hurlburt Field provides special recognition to individuals whose superior duty performance, dedication and efforts have led them to become top-notch professional military leaders. The 2004 Annual Awards Banquet will be held Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Emerald Coast Conference Center on Okaloosa Island. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through unit first sergeants.

Dress for military is semi-formal or mess dress, and civilians should wear coat and tie attire. No hats or nametags are needed; women must wear skirts – not slacks. People are asked to reference AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact your unit first sergeant.

### Enlisted aide openings

The Air Force Senior Leadership Management Office is soliciting enthusiastic, mature and professional applicants with a solid record of performance, right attitude, interpersonal and culinary skills to fill future enlisted aide openings at many locations around the Air Force. To apply, visit <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmoea/index/htm>. Assignment listings are also available on the Air Force Personnel Center's homepage under special duty links. Applications are being accepted until Monday. The following are report-no-later-than dates for potential future openings:

**Osan Air Base, ROK** – March 31

**Ramstein AB, Germany** – March 31

**Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.** – To be determined

Second-term Airmen (senior airman through master sergeant) are eligible to apply. As a minimum, the package should contain: legible copies of your last five enlisted performance reports; a résumé; two, full-length 8 X 10 inch photographs in service dress; recommendation letters from your unit commander and wing command chief master sergeant.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Murdock or Master Sgt. Carpenter at DSN 664-8136. Packages should be prepared in accordance with AFI 36-2123, *Management of Enlisted Aides*,

and mailed to:

AFLSMO  
2221 S. Clark St.  
Crystal Plaza 6, Ste. 500  
Arlington, VA 22202

## Community

### HSC auction

The Hurlburt Spouses' Club invites all military and Department of Defense civilian identification cardholders and their guests to attend an auction of fine art Feb. 11 at the Soundside club. Viewings will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by hors d'oeuvres, tea and coffee at 6 p.m. The auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. For reservations, call Karin Heaton by Monday at 515-0371 or e-mail MH60heater@aol.com.

### EOSC luncheon

The Eglin Officers' Spouses Club will hold a luncheon at the Sand Dollar Lounge Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Ms. Bonjour, a local Niceville pastel artist. To make reservations for the lunch and arrange childcare, call Eileen Workman at 314-9755 or Karen Kirk at 897-0533.

### Recycling mascot contest

The Hurlburt Field Recycling Program is looking for a mascot to help educate the base community on the importance of recycling. The grand prize winner and runners up will receive gifts from the members of Hurlburt Field's Recycling Team and will be officially announced at the 2005 Earth Day celebration April 23. Submit entries via e-mail to robin.armhold@hurlburt.af.mil or by mail to:

**Robin Armhold, 16th CES/CEV**  
415 Independence Road  
Hurlburt Field, FL 32544

All entries must be submitted by Feb. 14, with the entrant's name, phone number, e-mail address and association with the base (active-duty, retiree, dependant, civil service, contractor, etc.) For more information, call 884-7969.

### Kids' Day Out

Lighthouse of Faith Community Church invites military personnel to bring their children to enjoy free music, puppet shows, character lessons and refreshments Feb. 12 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Kids' Day Out. The church is located at 755 Lovejoy Road, Fort Walton Beach. For more information, call 244-2003.

### Star Gaze 2005

The base library will hold Star Gaze 2005 at the Gator Lakes Golf Course Feb. 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Escambia Amateur Astronomers Association will set up six to eight high-powered telescopes for participants to view a four-day-old new moon, the planet Saturn, the Andromeda Galaxy and the comet Machholz. The event is free for all government-issued identification cardholders and their guests. For more information, call the library at 884-6266.

### Coast guard meeting

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18

invites all, who are interested in boating and supporting the Coast Guard mission as part of homeland security, to attend a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Coast Guard Station in Destin. For more information, call 582-0366 or visit [www.flotilla18.org](http://www.flotilla18.org).

### SAME scholarships

The Society of American Military Engineers Emerald Coast Post will award four \$1,000 scholarships to students interested in studying engineering or architecture. Scholarships are open to high school seniors and college students, who are interested – or are currently studying – related career fields in engineering or architecture.

Students must be residents of Okaloosa, Santa Rosa or Walton counties. Application deadline is March 31. For more information and an application form, visit <http://posts.same.org/emerald/> or call Capt. Rick Dwyer at 884-3159.

### Super Bowl XXXIX party

The J.R. Rockers Super Bowl XXXIX Party will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. The party will include a variety of food, beverages, free giveaways and an appearance by the "Miller Lite Girls." Club members may purchase an armband for \$10 to enjoy any of the food and tap beverages offered from 11 a.m. to the end of the game.

Members with armbands are also invited to a Patio Tailgate Party from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the deck at J.R. Rockers. The party will begin inside until after the kick off of the game. Club members are eligible to win an X-box game system at half-time and a Miller kayak at the end of the game. For more information, call 884-6469.

### LRS inbox

To better serve the Air Force Special Operations Command community, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron Customer Service has a centralized e-mail inbox at [16lrs.customer@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:16lrs.customer@hurlburt.af.mil). Customers can e-mail requests, such as stock-number loads, backorders, complaints and customer feedback. If you have an Air Mobility Unit assigned to your squadron, contact your respective AMU contact personnel. For more information, call 16th LRS Customer Service at 884-7862.

### Valentine's Day carnations

The Dining Out committee will be selling carnations for \$2. See any group or squadron point of contact before Feb. 11 to sign up. The dining-out committee will deliver the carnations and a personalized message to your valentine Feb. 14. For more information, call 1st Lt. Shannon Ouder at 884-3823 or Master Sgt. Tonya Sasser at 884-2732.

## Volunteer

### Women's History Month

The military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting events for Women's History Month, which is held throughout March. All positions will need to be filled, including chairperson, vice chairperson and treasurer. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Natasha Hollomon at 884-2631.

# Classes

## U of A degree

The University of Arkansas at Hurlburt Field offers a Master of Science with a major in operations management. With only 10 courses required, it's possible to complete a degree in one year. The courses begin in March, May, August and October. For more information, call Sherry DelCastillo at 884-3844 or e-mail [uafgrad3@uofa.gccoxmail.com](mailto:uafgrad3@uofa.gccoxmail.com).

## SIU degree

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale at Hurlburt Field is now accepting students for the spring semes-

ter. SIU offers a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial technology. Courses can be completed in 16 months. For more information, call Paula Nance at 581-9840 or e-mail [ithurlburt@gulf.net](mailto:ithurlburt@gulf.net).

## HAWC classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center.

**Healthy Living Workshop** – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

**Fitness Improvement Program** – Tuesday, 10 a.m.

**Body Composition Improvement Program** – Tuesday, 1 p.m.

**Diabetes Nutrition** – Thursday, 9 a.m.

**Diabetes Fitness** – Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

**Lean on Me** – Thursday, 3 p.m.

## STG holds dinner to honor heritage



The 720th Special Tactics Group will host a Battlefield Airmen Heritage Dinner Thursday at the Emerald Coast Conference Center, Okaloosa Island to celebrate the warrior heritage of Pararescue, Combat Weather, Tactical Air Control Party, Combat Control and the Airmen who support them. Current and former members and retirees of those career fields and their guests as well as all mission supporters associated with TACPs, PJs, CCT and Combat Weather are invited.

The dinner will begin with a stat-

ic display of Battlefield Airmen combat equipment at 5:30 p.m. To compliment this theme, retired Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Fisk, veteran Pararescue man with 450 combat missions in Southeast Asia, will be giving the keynote address.

The evening's attire is mess dress for officers and mess dress or semi-formal for enlisted. Civilians may wear a suit and tie or formal wear. Tickets are \$25; call Staff Sgt. Shannon Goodwin at 884-2108.

## Hurlburt Field Chapel



Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
Religious Education: September – May

### Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)

11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)

Religious Education: August – May

Youth and Singles groups available

**Jewish Services** (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin

Chapel Center

**Muslim Services** (882-2111), Eglin

Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

**For more information, call 884-7795.**

### Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request

To check out Air Force TV or

Radio News visit:

<http://af.feedroom.com> or

[www.af.mil/news](http://www.af.mil/news) and click on TV

or radio to find out what's hap-

pening around the Air Force.



## At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

**Hurlburt Field**  
Friday and Sunday  
**Lemony Snickets**  
(PG)

Saturday  
**Spanglish**  
(PG-13)

**Eglin Air Force Base**  
Friday and Sunday  
**Meet the Fockers**  
(PG-13)

Saturday  
**The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R)

For up-to-date movie schedules, call Hurlburt Field at 884-7648 or Eglin Air Force Base at 882-1066.

For movie information, visit <http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/hurlburt.htm>.



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# 'Shaping up' for fitness

By Vanessa Adame  
Public Affairs

The following article is the first in a series intended to follow Hurlburt Field members and track their fitness progress in their quest to get fit.

The beginning of a new year almost always signals a fresh start in all of us. Many people promise to spend more time with family, quit smoking or get out of debt. However, thousands of others resolve to shed extra pounds.

Hurlburt Field service members are no exception to fitness resolutions. Twenty-eight-year old Staff Sgt. Karen Cloyd is one of many people trying to reduce her waistline. Although she's steadily worked out for more than one year, the new year has only reinforced her decision to get in shape.

As a member of Air Force Special Operations Command, Sergeant Cloyd wants to be "fit to fight."

She currently meets her Air Force

fitness requirements; however, she has personal goals she's trying to achieve including losing inches from her waist, completing one-and-a-half miles in 13 minutes and running three miles in less than 30 minutes.

So far, she's clocking in at more than 14 minutes to complete a one-and-a-half mile and she still has at least ten pounds to lose until she reaches her "goal" weight.

"I think it's realistic," she says.

Sophia Barideaux isn't concerned about running faster or being "fit to fight." She simply wants to be healthy.

Ms. Barideaux who works on the second floor of a three-story building, has always taken the stairs to her office, but other than that, she admits she never got much exercise.

She no longer sticks around the office after an eight-hour work-day, like she usually did chatting with coworkers until she lost track of time. Now the 39-year-old civilian wastes no time at all sprinting to her car to head for the gym.

She has a mission in mind. She wants to look good and feel better.

It was her husband's college graduation that made her decide to lose weight. She had tried to lose weight before, but

never the healthy way.

She often found herself trying the latest fad diet: the heart patient's diet, the cauliflower diet, you name it. This time though, she's determined to lose it the healthy way. With the help of a fitness trainer, she's on her way to being healthy.

Ms. Barideaux has kept her resolve to lose the pounds. She's working out at least three times a week: walking on the treadmill and lifting light weights to tone up.

She knows she can't back down from her workout plan. She's already told her coworkers.

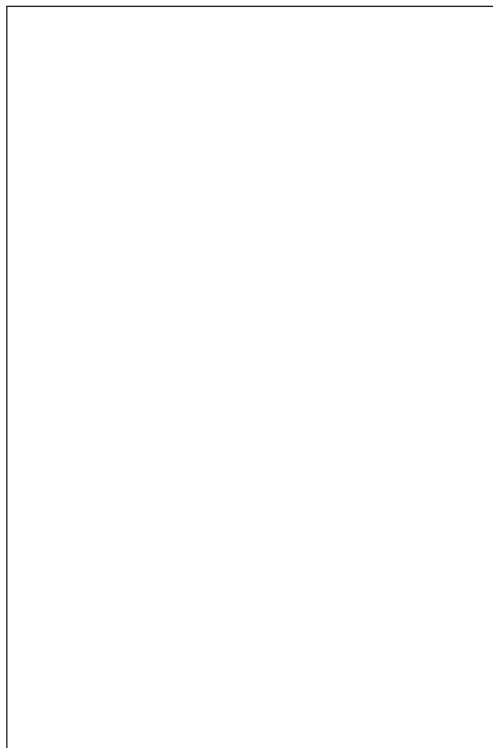


Photo by Vanessa Adame

**Sophia Barideaux, 16th Services Squadron, walks on the treadmill to try and shed a few extra pounds.**

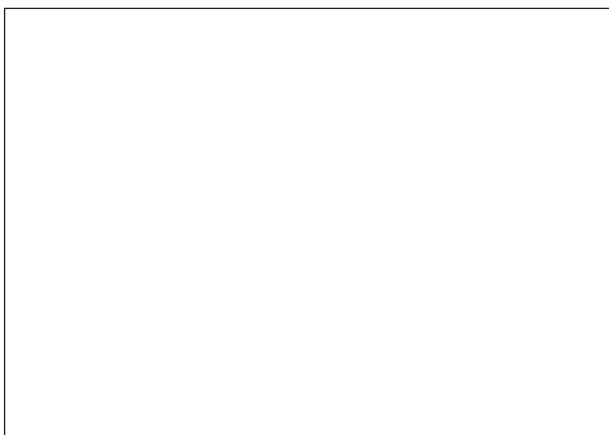


Photo by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

**Staff Sgt. Karen Cloyd, Air Force Special Operations Command, pumps out sit-ups to get "fit to fight."**

## 16th MXS clinches over 30 championship

By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan  
Public Affairs

The 16th Maintenance Squadron started off slow against 16th Services Squadron, but took off in the second half to seal a victory during the over 30 basketball championship game Jan. 27 at the Aderholt Fitness Center.

With a 25-21 lead at halftime, it was looking as though 16th SVS would squeeze a win over the 16th MXS to force a second game.

Undefeated so far in the play-offs, 16th MXS had to be beat twice in order to be eliminated.

But, they weren't going to let it get to that point. A couple quick passes and strong drives by Louis Koin led to a couple

easy scores to tie the game up at 25. Koin missed two free throw tries for the lead, but, at the 16:20 mark, John Varner gave 16th MXS the lead for good, 27-25.

The 16th SVS couldn't get any offense going until 13:24 left in the game, when Lou Burnett hit their first basket of the half, making the score 31-27 in favor of 16th MXS. That was the closest they would get.

Good 16th MXS defense kept the 16th SVS grounded the whole second half.

With just under two minutes left, 16th SVS had a flurry of three point attempts, but none would fall.

The buzzer sounded with the 16th MXS taking the championship, 55-40.



Photos by Jim Harriott

**A 16th MXS player grabs a rebound after a 16th SVS player misses a three point attempt in the second half of the championship game.**



## Fit Eagle Competition

The 15th annual Fit Eagle Competition will be held at the Aderholt Fitness Center Feb. 18 at 7 a.m. Letters of intent for the squadron-versus-squadron event are due Monday at noon. Events include a 5K run, push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, tug-of-war and a team-building "mystery" challenge. For more information, contact your unit sports representatives or call Staff Sgt. Tamara Rosa at 884-4412.

## Golf tournament

The "Match Play" leader board tournament is Saturday. The tournament fee for this double-elimination tournament is \$25 per person. Hurlburt members, Eglin Air Force Base members, and non-members will also pay their normal green fees.

A verified GHIN handicap is required. Participants will arrange dates and times for their matches. Tournament will be grouped by handicap and 90 percent of the current handicap will be used for each match. Points and prizes will be awarded for the top three places in the tournament and for each flight. For details, call Gator Lakes Golf Course at 881-2251.

## Golf tournament

Society of American Military Engineers Emerald Coast Post Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 3 at Eglin Air Force Base Eagle Course. The four person scramble "best ball" is scheduled to start at noon. Entry fee is \$45 per person and all proceeds will benefit S.A.M.E. Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Thom Wahl at 884-5186.